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Good Afternoon.

It is an honor to be with you today.

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While I stand before you, for the first time as your Governor, I take inspiration as well as comfort from your familiar faces. I know many of you on a first-name basis. And this gives me strength.

Please join me in showing our gratitude to both Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Chief Justice Tom Zlaket.

Thank you for being with us today. Your presence has made an already unforgettable experience even better.

The Arizona State Capitol is not unknown to me. I have walked its hallways. I helped create its procedures and protocol.

The unusual circumstances that blessed me with a new opportunity to serve are not without difficulty. The Symington family deserves our thanks and respect as they too begin a new chapter. I admire the dignity they have all shown and look forward to continuing the policies that have made Arizona the great State that it is today.

The staff of the Executive Office has also been extremely helpful.

My grandchildren have taught me to never dwell on yesterday. I am acutely aware of the responsibility contained within this position, for it is in their faces that I will be held accountable.

It is impossible to know me without knowing my family. With much pride and joy I would like to introduce them: (INTRODUCTIONS)

This incredible moment would mean little to me if I were not able to share it with all of them.

My immediate focus is to recognize what a gift I have been given. For reasons which we may never truly know, the hand of God has once again touched my life. I do not intend to let Him down. Nor you.

Last week I found myself thrust upon a public stage surrounded by bright lights. It was both humbling and exciting. I expect the next few days will be similar. All of that is fine and good, but there is work to be done.

I intend on doing well by being true to all that is Arizona.

Arizona is proud. We stand tall amongst the ranks of the Nation. Our wild west past -- celebrated in film and books, cities and towns across the state -- is forever a source of mystery and appeal. Our modern day growth is source of envy and admiration.

Arizona is diverse. It has been adopted by many people of many races, from many places, who regard their home with a fierce pride and a strong heart. I intend to use this commitment to further its greatness. I know you have strong opinions about our State's future, and I promise to be a good listener. As a former legislator, I have the ability to bring people together.

Arizona is strong. We have an economy others envy. Our welfare rolls shrink as our small businesses grow. Our large corporations expand and produce. We live in a good time, in a good place. I pledge to all Arizonans that we will continue this path while also working to improve the lives of the less fortunate.

Arizona is beautiful. Travelers come to our state for rest and rejuvenation.

We choose to live here ourselves for the mountains and the sky. Only in Arizona do Native American communities, bustling cosmopolitan cities, snowy mountain lodges, and hot desert monsoons create such a beautiful and harmonious tapestry.

The children of Arizona are our future. >My principles and values remain steady. The hallmark of my administration will be governing with responsibility, integrity, cooperation, and efficiency. I am ready to begin.

Arizona has always been able to strike that delicate balance between honoring our heritage and embracing our future. I plan to emulate that virtue.

It was once said, "Honor is earned by the deeds we do." I will honor the people of Arizona by honoring the responsibilities of this office.

I will achieve all of this by exceeding the demands of this office.

Arizona deserves no less.

Thank you for sharing this day with us.